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HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to recognize two brothers, Nick and Anthony Della Vecchia, and the restaurant they built from the ground up, Tony Beef. Since Nick and Anthony were kids, they had the dream to open up a restaurant. This dream was started from their father, Tony, who always dreamt of opening up a butcher shop. Nick graduated from La Salle University majoring in accounting and finance and now manages Tony Beef. Anthony is a graduate of Atlantic Cape Community College Academy of Culinary Arts and is Tony Beef's head chef. Nick and Anthony's family have been supportive of their dreams from the beginning and have been by their side every step of the way. Because their father was a huge inspiration for them to open their own restaurant, they decided to name it Tony Beef in honor of him. I had the opportunity to eat lunch at Tony Beef and meet Nick and Anthony, and I encourage anyone in the South Jersey area to stop by and grab a burger. God Bless Nick and Anthony and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING DR. RANGA DIAS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ranga Dias, for his discovery of the world's first high-temperature super-conducting material, carbonaceous sulfur hydride. Because of their potential to change the world as we know it, such materials have been sought by scientists for more than a century. I couldn't be more proud that this discovery by Dr. Dias, and his collaborators, was made in my district. I also want to acknowledge the incredible support from the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy Office of Science that made this work possible.

Dr. Dias is a professor of Mechanical Engineering and Physics and Astronomy at the University of Rochester and an internationally recognized scientist in the field of high-pressure physics and high energy density science. Since announcing his discovery this past October, Dr. Dias' work has been extensively reported in popular press, including the New York Times, NPR, and the BBC. Dr. Dias was named to the 2021 Time 100 NEXT list that highlights 100 emerging leaders who are shaping the future and was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development, or CAREER, award. CAREER is the NSF's most prestigious award in support of early-career faculty and is intended to help them build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.

Professor Dias' research focuses on materials under extreme pressures where their properties are altered in fundamental ways. At these incredibly high pressures, individual atoms are forced into close proximity, in a similar manner as when they are cooled to very low temperatures, allowing them to exhibit a range of interesting quantum behaviors, including super-conductivity. This approach is a paradigm shift that has allowed Dr. Dias' team what no one else has. To say this is the stuff of science fiction would be an understatement.

To create this material, the team placed a mixture of carbon, hydrogen and sulfur in a microscopic niche carved between the tips of two diamonds and then subjected them to laser light and squeezed them at 2.6 million times atmospheric pressure at sea level. The result was a new record: a material that exhibited superconductivity at about 58 degrees Fahrenheit. The hope, which I share, is that with further research, this team of talented scientists will find a way to make these, or similar materials, stable at ambient temperatures and pressures, unlocking a wide range of potential applications that will literally transform our world, including ultra-efficient computers and electronic devices, essentially loss-less energy transmission and storage, and new forms of propulsion and industrial power transmission without friction. With this approach, it may even become possible to create unique materials whose properties are tuned to particular applications that we have not yet dreamed of.

Of course, translating this advance into practical applications and realizing these breakthroughs still require additional research and development that will take some time. However, the phenomenal achievement of Dr. Dias and his team have shown us what is possible and, thanks to federal support for science, we are closer now than we have ever been. I congratulate Ranga on his accomplishments and wish him the greatest success with his future research.

ROBERT BLIZZARD—PARAMEDIC

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to posthumously recognize Robert Blizzard. A man who was guided by his faith and love for his family and community. Robert was from Newport, New Jersey and strived to become an EMT after his father and grandfather both experienced unacceptably long wait times for an ambulance. These events led to Robert deciding to create the Downe Township Rescue Squad. The rescue squad was located at his house, and he trained his family and members of the community to give medical attention to those who needed it. At the same time Robert created the rescue squad, he became a certified paramedic. He also held positions on the county board of health and with the American Heart Association. Robert assisted his community in a countless number of ways and left a mark on all those that he met throughout his life. EMT Paramedics are an integral part of our society, and it is people like Robert who deserve to be recognized for their selfless dedication to helping others. God Bless Robert and his family and God Bless America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TALLAPOOSA COUNTY GIRLS RANCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my colleagues from Alabama and I are heartbroken to mourn ten lives cut tragically short in a multivehicle crash in Alabama on June 19, 2021.

Among the victims we mourn are eight children who were part of the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch. The ranch's mission is to provide Christian, family-style residential homes for Alabama's needy, neglected, or abused, school-age children.

We also ask for prayers for the ranch's director who sustained injuries in the crash.

The countless success stories from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch program are a testament to the leadership and community they have built over more than five decades.

The victims' families, and our entire community, is devastated by this loss, but comforted in the knowledge that they are now in the loving arms of Jesus.

I thank my colleagues for joining me here today to show support for a loss that has rocked our whole state. Please continue to pray for those lives lost and those still recovering.

HONORING LIVES LOST ON I–65

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, this week, we mourn the loss of 10 people in a terrible multi-car crash on 1–65 in Alabama.

Among those killed were 9 children, including 8 from the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch, a home for neglected and abused children. Tragically, they were aged from 4 to 17.

Also among the dead were a 29-year-old father and his 9-month-old daughter.

I join with my Alabama colleagues today to express my deepest, most heartfelt sympathies to all the loved ones and survivors.